

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SEOUL 03078 142230Z  
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00  
PA-01 ICA-11 SP-02 /037 W  
-----021714 151147Z /21  
R 140927Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 474  
INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
CINCPAC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SEOUL 3078

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, US  
SUBJ: CAMPUS SITUATION

REF: SEOUL 1343 (DTG 170747Z FEB 78)

1. SUMMARY: FIRST SIX WEEKS OF SEMESTER HAVE PASSED WITHOUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AIMED AT ROKG. APRIL 19 IS ANNIVERSARY OF PREVIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS, AND ROKG HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT DISORDERS FROM OCCURRING. END SUMMARY.

2. APRIL 19 IS TRADITIONAL DATE FOR MARKING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH BROUGHT DOWN SYNGMAN RHEE REGIME. OFFICIALS AT MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN SEOUL HAVE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS THAT SCHOOLS RECEIVED STRONG "ADVICE" FROM GOVERNMENT TO SCHEDULE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO KEEP STUDENTS OCCUPIED DURING THIS PERIOD. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED PRESSURE IN THIS REGARD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PINPOINT EXACT SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS.

3. MOST SCHOOLS (YONSEI AND EHWA SO FAR EXCEPTIONS) HAVE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SEOUL 03078 142230Z

SCHEDULED EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS OR CANCELLED CLASSES.  
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY PLANS THREE "STUDY DAYS" OVER APRIL 19 PERIOD. KOREA UNIV WILL BEGIN FESTIVAL ON 4/18 AND CARRY ON ACTIVITIES INTO THE WEEKEND; SOGANG HAS CANCELLED 4/18 AND 4/19 CLASSES; TONG GUK HAS A "HIKING FESTIVAL" SLATED FOR 4/19. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE RECENTLY ARRANGED, AND AS OF 4/13 NOT ALL PROFESSORS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE

DEVELOPMENTS.

4. STEPS TAKEN BY ROKG (REPORTED REFTTEL) HAVE SO FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING UNWELCOME STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. ONLY KNOWN DISORDERS HAVE BEEN OVER BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ALLEGATIONS. POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT THESE DEMONSTRATIONS COULD HAVE CHANGED FROM BUGGING ISSUE TO MORE TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED STUDENT CONCERNS. THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED. POLICE RESPONSE TO BUGGING DEMONSTRATIONS HAS BEEN RESTRAINED. THEY HAVE NOT INTERFERED EXCEPT TO RESTRICT STUDENTS FROM CARRYING DEMONSTRATIONS OFF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND INTO THE STREETS. DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN DISBANDED AT URGING OF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, NOT POLICE.

5. SOURCES AT KNCC INDICATE THAT CHURCHES AFFILIATED HOPE TO START CAMPAIGN TO ASK ROKG TO RELEASE STUDENTS JAINED IN CONNECTION WITH LAST FALL'S UNIVERSITY DISORDERS. SUCH A CAMPAIGN COULD MOBILIZE STUDENTS FOR ANTI-ROKG DEMONSTRATIONS. NCU ELECTIONS IN MAY COULD ALSO PROVIDE STIMULUS FOR STUDENT DISORDERS. EVEN WITH GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS SO FAR IN MAINTAINING CAMPUS CALM, POSSIBILITY FOR TROUBLE WILL PERSIST FOR DURATION OF TERM.  
SNEIDER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, POLITICAL STABILITY  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 14 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978SEOUL03078  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780162-0657  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SEOUL  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780454/aaaabtxw.tel  
**Line Count:** 85  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 379701b0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 SEOUL 1343  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2961585  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CAMPUS SITUATION  
**TAGS:** PINS, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/379701b0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014